



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.4. Wet conditions continue to limit fieldwork and crop progress; there have been reports of mold on baled hay due to high humidity. Farming activities for the week included harvesting peanuts, planting wheat, and repairing equipment.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/30/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	2	53	43
Subsoil	-	3	68	29

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 09/30/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cotton	5	5	20	65	5
Hay, Alfalfa	-	11	35	45	9
Hay, Other	6	10	31	43	10
Peanuts	5	6	20	64	5
Soybeans	2	6	35	48	9
Pasture	1	7	23	51	18

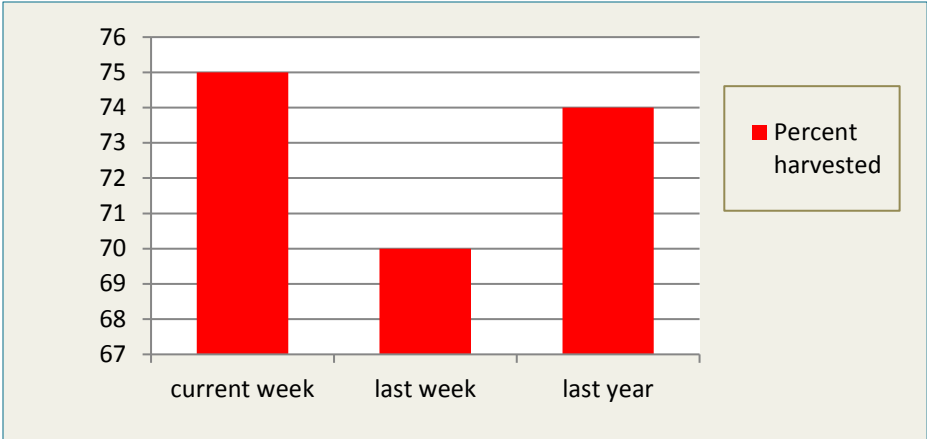
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/30/18

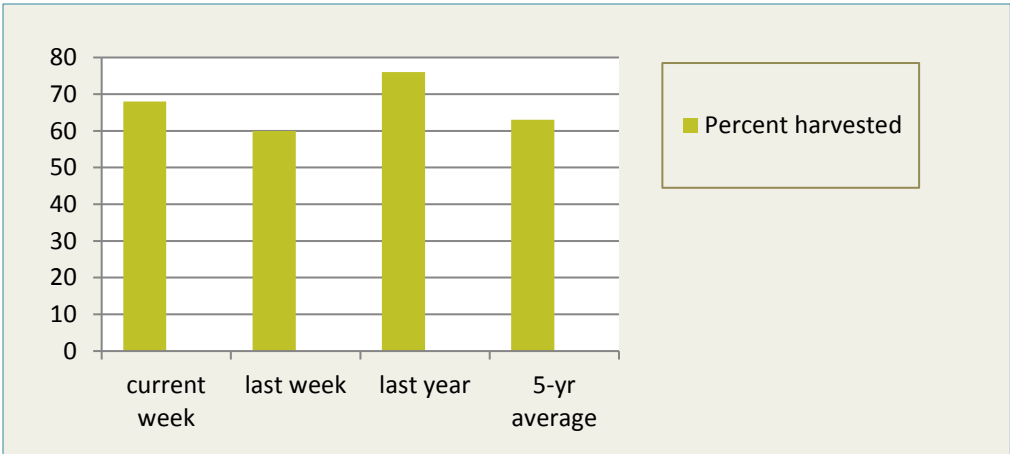
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	75	70	74	-
Barley planted	18	8	24	25
Corn mature	95	90	96	90
Corn harvested for grain	68	60	76	63
Corn for silage harvested	92	90	99	91
Cotton bolls opening	72	58	68	75
Peanuts harvested	20	10	18	10
Soybeans setting pods	96	94	99	98
Soybeans dropping leaves	36	25	46	41
Soybeans harvested	1	-	4	2
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	91	86	91	81
Winter Wheat planted	9	5	9	8

- Represents data not available or zero.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/30/18



CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN for week ending 09/30/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending September 30, 2018

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Sep. 29	Mar. 1 to Sep. 29 norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	75	59	84	54	67	3	3913	3531	1.76	6.75	3.09	46.69	13.34
Norfolk	82	71	89	62	76	6	4580	3932	0.94	3.88	-0.03	46.39	10.15
Richmond	78	64	89	57	71	4	4324	3818	1.56	4.53	0.76	49.99	15.99
Roanoke	74	61	85	57	68	3	4060	NA	1.46	9.92	6.24	47.41	14.26
Wash/Dulles	73	60	86	55	67	3	3782	NA	3.55	7.37	3.69	51.03	19.14

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Another wet week. Reports of mold growing on hay that was dry when baled. Constant high humidity, no sunshine and no wind has mold growing on hay and many outdoor surfaces. Some corn has been mature for two weeks, but can't be harvested due to wet soil conditions.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

More rain mid-week with the entire county receiving around 1.5 inches Thursday night. Wet conditions limited field work. Pasture forage is abundant.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Wet conditions persisted through the weekend. Too wet for much field work.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Recent rains last week still has soil very damp in spots.

CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)

I've gotten reports from farmers that early beans are drying down and due to the moisture we have received and the moisture in the air, many beans are sprouting in the pods. Lots of early beans will be lost and turned into insurance. The moisture lately has also stalled any corn chopping or fall planting of wheat and barley and hay cutting.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

Recent rains last week still has soil very damp in spots.

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Rain showers limited activity for much of the week. Soil conditions are still on the wetter side even though rain amounts were limited. By the weekend, sunshine returned allowing some field work to progress. Some hay was cut with anticipated dry week ahead. Corn harvest moved forward. Peanut digging got started as maturity checks indicated optimal maturity around October 1.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Corn harvest almost complete. Farmers are making equipment repairs and mowing or fall tillage before soybean harvest begins. Fields are in good shape for using equipment.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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